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THE MASK OFF.

The republican members elect of the house of representatives refuse to join the members of the regularly organized house in sending a committee to investigate the election at precinct 34.

The republican senators refuse to accept an invitation from the democratic senators-elect for a like purpose.

The republican representatives elect say that the democratic representatives must go down to the Granite block and ask to be admitted as members of the rump house or nothing will be done.

The republican senators fall back on the proposition that the rump house is the proper body to investigate the election and that it would be undignified for them to do so.

Brushing aside all the rubbishy technicalities and petty quibbling as to forms of procedure which are raised to obscure the merits of the case, the true situation is found to be just this: The democrats in both branches of the legislature, desirous of going to the utmost verge of honorable concession in order to break the existing deadlock, have proposed to the republicans to waive all formalities that stand in the way and to get together as fair-minded men and ascertain the bottom facts about the election at the disputed precinct.

The democrats pledged themselves to see that the returns were purged of every vote that was found to be fraudulent, to promptly unseat such of their number as were not found to be honestly elected, and to concede a republican majority in the legislature if it should be established that such majority had been fairly elected.

In other columns will be found the full statement of the beginning, progress and conclusion of a series of conferences of a committee of democratic representatives with republican representatives elect, which we commend to the perusal of every reader. It sets the actions of the respective parties before the country in their true light.

The democratic party invites the candid judgment of the people of Montana, of the people of the whole Union, on the record as made up.

The republican party of Montana shrinks from the truth. It chooses to take refuge in a harbor of subterfuge and falsehood. There let it stay until its rank and file refuse to obey its dishonest leaders. Soon or late that time will come.

Democrats, stand by your guns!

CALIFORNIANS' UNWISDOM.

Several cities in California have offered purses ranging in value from \$15,000 to \$30,000 as an inducement to two brutes named John L. Sullivan and Peter Jackson to stand up in a ring and batter each other's persons for a short space of time. Aside from the question of morals which the fact suggests, it would be well for our neighbors of the Pacific slope to pause while they think for a moment what may be the outcome of this sort of thing. It is not so many years ago that a few plutocrats of California were obliged to go down into their pockets for two million or more of dollars with which to prosecute improvements for which there was not then, nor has there since been, a necessity, for the purpose of giving employment to thousands of men from all walks of life who were threatened with starvation. At that time office-bred men wielded the pick and spade beside those who had been inured from the cradle to lives of hardship and privation. The generosity (or, some would call it, the instinct of self-preservation) in the few rich men who thus came to the front in a trying emergency was effectual for the time being. At present there is serious industrial depression in California. It has been claimed for only one county in that state—the second in area in the Union—that its production in dollars and cents equals its consumption. The outgo, in other words, is greater than the income. To what this condition of affairs will lead, with individuals or with states, can be easily seen. Under such circumstances what can be thought of a community that offers \$20,000 or \$30,000 to two pugilists for an exhibition of their prowess? Of course the individuals who are back of the project expect to more than recoup themselves for what unthinking people will deem their

enterprise; but after all every dollar that the pugilists carry away with them will be just like so much of the life-blood from the already depleted veins of California. The fast, younger set of Pacific slope millionaires may yet live to see the day when they will wish the sum of the Sullivan-Jackson purse, for in which there will be nothing to show but a swelling of the statistics of crime, had been invested in some industrial enterprise, even though it give employment to no more than a score of those who a year or a decade hence may be clamorous to the degree of appeal to force for a share of the rich man's bread.

It used to be said of Florida that its inhabitants lived in the summer on hog and hominy, and in the winter on northern tourists, and of late years very much the same thing has been said, with some truth, regarding Californians, especially those of the southern counties. Some fallacies regarding the "glorious climate" and its effect upon invalids have come to be generally known, and this has checked the yearly influx of eastern tourists. The effect is only too visible in Los Angeles and San Diego. In a country, the produce of which is less than the consumption, and where the tourist ceases to be a source of revenue, it soon resolves itself into a question of survival of the fittest, or at least of those with the largest bank accounts.

A DISQUALIFIED LEGISLATOR.

If the republican organs which are making themselves ridiculous by talking about McNamara's ineligibility will turn their attention to their own camp they will find something to worry about. Let them call up William Thompson, of Silver Bow, one of the fraudulent claimants of a seat in the rump house, and ask him if he didn't know, when he claimed his seat, that only citizens of the United States were eligible to membership in the legislature. Let them ask him where he was born and for proofs of his citizenship. Then let them go off and bang their heads.

It is best that the law ascertain these things and that we abide by the law, even if, as it seems it must, disappoint some of us. We cannot consent to submit these questions to a lawless tribunal, we cannot afford to encourage this resort to anarchy. If the gentlemen at the court house mean to assert that the will of the electors of Montana must prevail, we say well and good, but if they mean to say that the processes of ascertaining that will are to be lawlessly set aside whenever any person or number of persons, however respectable, think they can come nearer its ascertainment than the official tribunals, or at least can suit their own views and ambitions better, then we have taken a long step toward anarchy.—Herald.

Then why don't you obey the law? The law held that the vote at precinct 34 must be counted as cast, and that certificates should be issued to those who were elected. You refused to obey the order of court. You defied it. You are defying it to-day. You are a pretty set to talk about ascertaining things by law—you are. Fall back behind your quibbles and technicalities; try to keep the facts from the public; run away from every fair proposition and make the ruin of your party complete. The democrats can stand it, if you can, but you can't humbug anybody by pretending that you are law-abiding, when you are only law-breakers.

This Sanders editorial article can always be detected by its reference to Woolley's ranch and its profound silence about those 2,000 fraudulent Sanders votes from Fort Union.

The esteemed Herald devotes much space to typographical errors in the Washington specials of its morning contemporaries. There's just where the esteemed Herald has the advantage of us. There are no errors in its own Washington specials. It isn't enterprising enough to have any.

PERSONAL.

J. W. Murphy, of Butte, was in town yesterday.

Herman Gans has returned from a trip to Fort Benton.

S. W. Kearney, of Denver, Colorado, is again in the city.

McKee Rankin and Mabel Bert and child arrived in the city yesterday.

Ex-Gov. R. F. White came up from Dillon yesterday and is at the Cosmopolitan.

Jacob Feldberg who has been quite ill during the past week is now convalescent.

George J. Swell, traveling passenger agent for the Minneapolis and St. Louis railway is in town.

Chas. Foraker, Geo. D. Gander, Walter N. Sales, Dan Halford and Jos. Berthelote were among the arrivals at Hahn & Walter's Montana Business College the past week.

100 dozen Silk Handkerchiefs, Regular price \$1.50 only 50 cents this week at Fowles' Cash Store.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The total number of entries and filings at the Helena land office for the month of November was 34 and the cash receipts for the same period were \$22,422.88.

The funeral of Peter McGinley, the brakeman that was killed Friday on the Montana Central, will take place to-day at 3 p. m. from Fishery's undertaking establishment on Warren street.

AT NATHAN'S.

Great Special Sale Monday, December 9 Only.

This is the great bargain of the season. A fine line of satin in all shades, worth 75c for 50c per yard. A full line of Mora silk worth \$1.00 for 40c per yard. A full line of sarah silk worth 75c for 35c per yard.

N. NATHAN, 15 South Main Street.

Londest Hopes Realized.

Jackson is doing a rushing business. He seems to have "struck the nail on the head" by having opened such an elegant stock in his new quarters. He supposed when he opened out a few days ago, that he had a sufficient line of pianos and other musical instruments to supply the holiday trade, but he has found out his mistake and has wired east to have his order duplicated immediately.

See the Winter Scene.

The show windows of the New York clothing store are well worth seeing. They are tastefully decorated, the snow flakes and large sized snow balls scattered here and there present a beautiful winter scene.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Second Presbyterian, Adams hall, services on Sabbath at 11 and 7:30, conducted by Rev. Dr. Quinn.

Dr. Quinn will deliver a lecture in connection with "The Helena Biblical Institute" in Adams hall Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock on "How to Study the Bible."

Rev. N. Roe holds Scandinavian service at the Presbyterian church corner of Fifth and Ewing street this afternoon at 4 p. m. All Scandinavians cordially invited to attend.

At St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church the pastor, Rev. Dr. Raleigh, will preach at 11 a. m. on "A Clean Heart;" at 7:30 p. m. on "The Will on Religion." The public are cordially invited.

A quarterly meeting will be held Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7 and 8, at the Oak street chapel. P. E. S. E. Snider will conduct the services. All cordially invited. Rev. Daniel C. Chambers, pastor.

The subject for this morning at the Christian church is "Liberty," and for this evening "The Ground of Things Hoped For." Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. All invited.

First Baptist church, corner Eighth and Main street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young people's meeting at 6:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. C. B. Allen, Jr., will preach both morning and evening.

At the Grand street Methodist church services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., conducted by the pastor, Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Sermon in the morning to the children. All are cordially invited. D. B. Price, pastor.

Preaching at the Congregational church by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Kelsey, on the themes: "Failure to Respond to the Duty of the Hour," and "The Straight and the Narrow Way." Bible classes and Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Young people's meeting at 6:45 p. m. A cordial welcome for all.

The Latest Out.

A Daily Through Car Service has been established by the Chicago, Union Pacific & Northwestern Line from San Francisco, Portland, Spokane Falls, Butte and Helena, to Chicago via Council Bluffs, thus offering to the public facilities not given by any other line. "The Limited Fast Mail" which runs daily between the above points, carries the Overland Fast Mail a limited number of first-class passengers without extra charge, and is composed of Pullman Vestibule Sleepers, San Francisco to Chicago via Council Bluffs, Pullman Vestibule Sleepers and Pullman Dining Cars, Portland to Chicago via Council Bluffs.

This is another indication that the Union Pacific is desirous of meeting the requirements of the people. For information in regard to this and other trains on this line, apply to any Ticket Agent, or E. L. Lomax, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb., or E. P. Wilson, General Passenger Agent, C. & N. W. Railway, Chicago, Ill.

A. E. VRAZIE,

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Silk Millinery in all styles at 50 per cent under value at Fowles' Cash Store.

Important Announcement.

Beginning to-morrow, Monday, a change of prices will be instituted at Wm. Hartwig's barber shop. Shaving 15 cents, hair-cutting 35 cents.

Holiday Excursion Rates on the Montana Central Railway.

The Montana Central will sell excursion tickets between all points on their line at one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25 and 31, also Jan. 1, good to return until Jan. 3.

B. H. LAMONT, Gen. Ticket Agt.

Toy pianos, trunks, tool chests, books, blocks, dolls, sleds and all other kinds of toys now opened at The Bee Hive.

Ladies' and children's underwear very cheap at The Bee Hive.

DO NOT

Squander your Money for Worthless Fold-rolls for Holiday Gifts, such as are Displayed in some Stores, and are only nice to look at.

Our Dry Goods trade is so large that we haven't time to waste in selling Toys and Dolls. We will leave that for the Toy and Confectionery Stores.

But we are Headquarters for Everything that is usually kept in a First-Class Dry Goods Store, and can show you a great many things that are Nice, Useful, Ornamental and Most Desirable for Christmas Presents.

What would be nicer or more Highly Appreciated as a Present for your Wife, Mother, Mother-in-Law, or Sweetheart, than a

NICE SILK DRESS?

We have the Largest and Best Assortment of Black and Colored Silks, in all the Newest and Most Desirable Shades and Colors, to select from to be found in the City.

What housewife would not appreciate one of those very handsome Elder Down Comforters, which we are selling for \$10 and \$13 each? Or a Pair of those Elegant California Blankets, which we are selling from \$6 to \$20 a Pair?

This is only a quiet hint, or a few sensible thoughts, to those who are trying to make up their minds what to give for presents. We have thousands of articles which are especially adapted for Sensible and Useful Christmas Gifts, which we will be pleased to show you.

We have just opened some rare novelties in Neckwear, Embracing the "Vandyke Collars and Cuffs," Fauntleroy Ruchings, and Cuchings of all kinds—such goods as were never shown in this market before.

We still have a few of those Tricot Cloth Suitings left, which we will continue to sell at 25c. per yard. We have no competition in straight, legitimate DRY GOODS.

Raleigh & Clarke.

N. B.—We have some special favors for the little ones this week in Pictures—Free.

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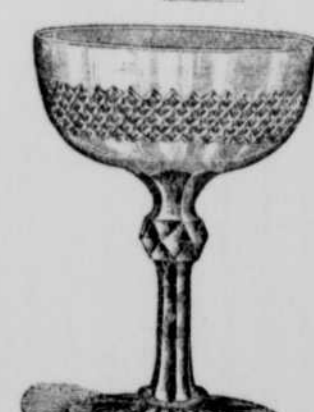


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Our Sales in Children's and Boys' Clothing have been so Great that Orders Since the Beginning of the Season have been more than DOUBLE OUR FIRST BILLS. Seeing the Magnitude of our Business, two Prominent Eastern Manufacturers Closed out to us the Entire Amount of their Stock on Hand, enabling us to give Figures to OUR PATRONS BELOW THE PRICE PAID BY OUR COMPETITORS. We Quote a few Specialties and ask Comparison with what you find Elsewhere.

200 Suits (Children's) \$1.15, WORTH \$2.00.
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 200 Suits (Schools) 3.95, WORTH 6.00.
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